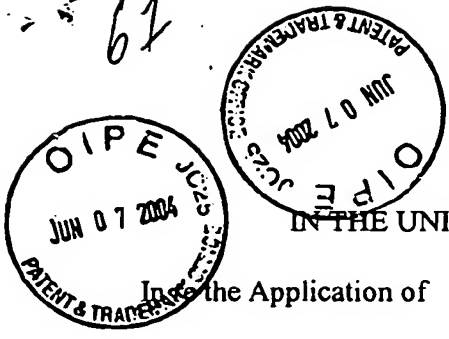


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In reply to the March 5, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the present application based on the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-14 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,393,347 B1 to Snyder et al. ("Snyder"). However, it appears that this rejection was intended to be applied under 102(e), since the 102(e) statute language is set forth directly above the rejection. In any event, Snyder does not qualify as prior art under 102(b), since its issue date is less than one year before Applicant's filing date (in fact, it is after Applicant's filing date). Therefore, Applicant will address this rejection as if applied under 102(e). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Snyder does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Specifically, Snyder is not prior art at least because Snyder's U.S. filing date of June 20, 2001, is later than the priority date, March 5, 2001, of the present application.